GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

I&I Dept., - AP Aviation Corporation Limited (APACL) - Security of Hon'ble CM of AP - Replacement of present aircraft with new/alternative aircraft of better airworthiness - Constitution of High level Committee to examine and suggest considered views to procure suitable Helicopters for the flying commitments of Hon'ble Chief Minister of A.P. and other VVIPs - Orders - Issued.

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INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT (AIRPORTS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.84. Dated 15-11-2023.

Read the following:-

1. From the GA (PROTOCOL) Department e-file No. GAD01-PROT0MISC/212/2022-PROT-A (Comp.No. 1865935), Dated 13.10.2022.
2. From the DGP, Intelligence, AP., Vizianagaram I.D.No.392/SSG1/AP/2022, Dated.15.09.2022.
3. From the MD, APACL-Lr.No.27/APACL/2023, dated:05.05.2023.
4. Letter No. INI01-APAC/2/2022/Airports, dated 31.05.2023.
5. From the MD, APACL Lr.No.27/APACL/2023, dated 24-08-2023.

ORDER:

In the e-file 1st read above, the GA (PROTOCOL) Department have stated that the Director General of Police, Intelligence, AP., Vijayawada in letter 2nd read above has brought to the notice of the Government that the Chief Minister of AP is in Z+ category and facing specific threat from Left Wing Extremist elements and inter alia, pin-pointing that the APACL is utilizing the services of an Helicopter, Bell 412EP- VT-MRV dating back to 2010 and of the view that considering the increased usage of aircraft in various tour programmes of the VIP, long distance covered and safety requirements of Hon'ble CM, he has been suggested that the helicopter (the Bell-412 Helicopter) may be replaced with a new / alternative Helicopter of better airworthiness.

2. Based on the above recommendation of the DGP, Intelligence, the MD, APACL In the letter 3rd read above has stated that the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi have issued certain instructions related to the precautions to be observed regarding use of state owned/ private owned aircraft / helicopters carrying political leaders / dignitaries:

I. At least twin-engine aircraft / helicopter having good operational capability, reliability and easy maintainability characteristics should be used.
II. Aircraft/ helicopter must have current certificates of airworthiness with all mandatory modifications complied with. The aircraft/ helicopter should have valid flight release.
III. Aircraft/ helicopter shall be inspected and certified by appropriately licensed Aeronautical Maintenance Engineers (AMEs) prior to such flights.
IV. All defects in the aircraft / helicopter engines and instruments/ equipment's reported by pilots in command (PIC) or detected during inspection on ground

must be rectified by appropriately licensed AMEs/ approved persons before commencement of the flight.

V. As far as practicable, aircraft / helicopter should be equipped with dual radio communication and navigation equipment to take are of difficulties arising out of failure of one set of equipment in flight. Radio communication and navigation equipment on board the aircraft / helicopter must be maintained in serviceable conditions in accordance with approved schedules duly certified by appropriately licensed AMEs / approved persons.

VI. It is also desirable that the aircraft/ helicopter should be equipped with ILS Localizer glide path and marker receivers for safe landing under instrument meteorological conditions (IMC) AT Aerodromes equipped with landing system.

VII. Notwithstanding the provisions of approved MEL, the emergency equipment, the braking system/ thrust reverser system/ flap system, weather radar, ELT, as applicable should be maintained in serviceable condition for the flights.

3. Further, the Director General of Civil Aviation has also issued safety guidelines reiterating the precautions which were issued by Min. of Home Affairs, GOI., New Delhi. In view of the above, the MD, APACL has requested orders as to whether fresh tenders for leasing of two Helicopters that suits the norms/ conditions as laid down by MHA, GOI / DGCA from time to time, may be called for duly issuing afresh TENDER NOTICE to get the helicopters of less than TWO years of their manufacturing date, on lease basis. Hence, in the letter 4th read above, the MD, APACL was permitted to call fresh tenders for leasing of two Helicopters less than TWO years from their manufacturing date that suits the norms/ conditions as laid down by MHA, GOI / DGCA from time to time.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the MD, APACL has stated that on 11th August, 2023, the Technical Tender Bids were opened in the presence of the Managing Director, APACL., Aviation Advisor to Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Manager, APTS and found that three organizations have submitted the tenders viz. **1. Global Vectra Helicorp 2. Thumby Aviation Pvt Ltd and 3. Rajas Aerosports and Adventures Pvt. Ltd.** On evaluation of the Technical Bids of the above, three organizations vis-à-vis the Terms and Conditions imposed by APACL., all the three organizations have not readily offered the Helicopters for which APACL really intended to have and put as Condition No.1 viz. ***"Helicopter shall be twin engine, brand new / less 2 years old. Should be under NSOP Category."***

5. In the light of the position stated above, the main condition viz. Brand New / Less than TWO years old helicopters were not available with the three Organizations who offered their Technical Bids. Alternatively, they are offering other Helicopters viz. AW-139 and Bell - 412.

6. The MD, APADCL has furnished the detailed Statement showing the fulfilment of conditions as incorporated in e-Tender Notification for perusal of the Government for consideration and orders as to whether a high-level committee may be constituted with senior officers of the State Government. The MD, APACL proposed the following Officers to be nominated as members of the Committee to examine and suggest their considered views to procure suitable Helicopters for the flying

commitments of Hon'ble Chief Minister of A.P. and other VVIPs. The proposed Committee is as follows:

1. Special Chief Secretary to Government, I&I Department.
2. Special Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
3. Director General of Police, Government of AP.
4. Principal Secretary to Government (Poll.) General Admn. Department.
5. Managing Director, AP Aviation Corporation Limited, (Convener)

7. Government after careful examination hereby Constitute the Committee to examine and suggest their considered views to procure suitable Helicopters for the flying commitments of Hon'ble Chief Minister of A.P. and other VVIPs and nominate the following officers as members of the Committee:-

1. Special Chief Secretary to Government, I&I Department.
2. Special Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
3. Director General of Police, Government of AP.
4. Principal Secretary to Government (Poll.) General Admn. Department.
5. Managing Director, AP Aviation Corporation Limited, (Convener).

8. The Managing Director, AP Aviation Corporation shall take necessary further action.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N.YUVARAJ
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Managing Director, AP Aviation Corporation.
The Special CS to Govt., I&I Dept.
The Special CS to Govt., Finance Department.
The Director General of Police, Government of AP.
The Principal Secretary to Govt. (Poll.), G.A.D.
The P.S. to Spl. CS to Hon'ble CM.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary.
The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for I&I.
(C.No.INI01-APAC/2/2022-Airports, Comp.No.1877356)

FORWARDED BY ORDER

C. Kalyanchakravarthi
SECTION OFFICER